

PLYMOUTH HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
JULY 25, 2017

PRESENT: Mr. Gary Simpson
Mr. Rick Alger
Mr. Dan Meyer
Mr. Jerry Cushman
Highway Superintendent Mr. Pete Marshall

Mr. Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Mr. Marshall reported that the highway crew is currently paving one mile on the Bates Road, ½ mile on the Underwood Road, and ½ mile on the North Road. When he finds out what material he has left, he will reseal the Jones Peck Road. If there is any money left, he will start on the Reservoir Road. Fullers is crushing the millings that the crew has been getting from the city. Mr. Marshall estimated that the Town has been hauling between 100 and 120 loads from there. The Town also got about 100 loads of millings from Rt. 990L. Mr. Marshall approximated a savings to the Town of \$20,000 to \$22,000 by using these millings which are free. Mr. Marshall plans to pick up the mower on Friday July 28, 2017. The crew will begin mowing the next week. The Town has the mower for two months.

Mr. Marshall said that Tim's truck will need a box before winter. He said it would probably cost about \$40,000.00. Mr. Cushman said that the purchase of a new Truck had been agreed upon some time ago, but it was never carried through. He asked why. Mrs. Alger had made a resolution, but never submitted it to the

Board. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Marshall how soon the Town could get a truck if it was ordered in August. Mr. Marshall said he would call the dealer the next day. Mr. Cushman said that a definite decision should be made concerning this issue. He stated that it would not be a good idea to spend money fixing a truck that should be replaced with a new one. The other Committee members concurred. Mr. Simpson said he would like to see the old one traded in. Mrs. Alger asked that the Committee members be polled. All agreed. Mrs. Brown produced the unsigned resolution. It was written for \$197,824.00, and the 2008 International would be put up for auction upon the arrival of the new truck. The money would come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Marshall will confirm the price when he contacts the dealer and let Mrs. Alger know. Mrs. Alger will present the resolution to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Marshall suggested that all candidates for the Superintendent position be invited to the next Highway Committee meeting and to the Budget Workshops. Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Marshall if he was putting a new loader and a new roller in his budget for next year. Mr. Marshall said he was only putting in for a new loader. The roller can be run for two years. The next Highway Committee meeting will be on August 29, 2017 at 6:00pm. Mr. Marshall said he would help the new Superintendent with things like applying for CHIPS money. He would familiarize them with the rules and regulations concerning the CHIPS money.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Three complaint letters were presented:

Mr. John O'Malley sent a letter complaining about water running over his property. Mr. Marshall said he would clean the ditches.

Mrs. Fairbanks's letter complained about a culvert near her mother's property. Mr. Marshall will reevaluate the situation after Mrs. Fairbanks gets someone to clean out the ditch on the adjacent private property.

Mr. Cohen's letter complained about the placement of a culvert across his driveway and water flooding his property. Mr. Marshall said that the problem with the water was not caused by the Town. Mr. Cohen had placed planks in the

ditch which clogged it. Mr. Marshall said he would replace or remove the culvert if Mr. Cohen wanted it done.

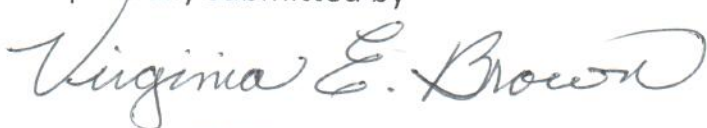
The subject of the Town Garage was brought up. Mr. Simpson said that two options needed to be weighed. Should the Town add on to the existing garage or build a new one. If a new one was to be built, land would need to be purchased. Mr. Cushman strongly suggested that at the end of the year, if there was any money left over it should be dedicated to building, expanding or repairing the Highway Garage.

Mrs. Fairbanks arrived and stated that her contractor would start work on July 26, 2017. She also expressed a concern that there were no signs up when she went through an area where the Highway crew was working. Mr. Marshall will remind the crew about it. Mrs. Fairbanks also asked who takes care of the cemetery in Plymouth. She said that the road in from Morley Road needs to be fixed. Mr. Meyer told her that it was really private property. There is another access to the cemetery from Route 16.

Mr. Alger asked about a missing road sign. Mr. Marshall said that people steal them frequently.

Mr. Cushman thanked the Town Clerk for taking notes.

Respectfully submitted by



Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

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